(b) whether it is a fact that the construction work on NH-57 near Darbhanga and Sakri and from Sakri to Jhanjharpur has not yet been started even though the same has been allotted to the agency for execution;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite commencement of construction work between Jhanjharpur-Fulparas-Narhiya-Bhutaha, the progress with regard to the same is very unsatisfactory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof in the context of all the above sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The 4 laning project of Muzaffarpur to Purnea Section (*via* Darbhanga, Sakri, Jhanjharpur, Fulparas, Narhiya and Bhutaha) of NH-57 in Bihar under East-West Corridor (NHDP Phase-II) has already started during January-March, 2006 and is in progress except the work of Kosi bridge and its approaches. The construction of bridge across Kosi river has already been awarded on Build, Operate and Transfer [(BOT)-(Annuity)] basis and construction work is likely to start after financial closure which is expected by April 2007. The construction work has been a bit slow for this stretch due to slow mobilsation of constructors resources for this stretch which passes through difficult flood prone area and is also having missing link.

(b) The construction work in Darbhanga-Jhanjharpur section of NH-57 has already started.

(c) and (d) The construction work between Jhanjharpur-Fulparas-Narhiya-Bhutaha section is in progress. Entire stretches of NHDP Phase-II in Bihar are targeted for completion by December, 2008 except Kosi bridge which is targeted for completion by March, 2010.

Proposals from Maharashtra for NHs

†1124. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from Maharashtra with regard to upgradation, impovement and development of National Highways;

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(b) if so, the road-wise, National Highway-wise details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and spent by Government on upgradation, improvement and construction of various roads and National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The section-wise details of proposals received for upgradation, improvement and development of National Highways included in Annual Plan 2006-07 of Maharashtra are given at Statement (*See* below).

(c) The details of allocation and expenditure during the year 2006-07 for upgradation, improvement and development of National Highways under NH(O), Central Road Fund (CRF) Scheme and Economic Importance (E&I)/Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) for the State roads scheme in the State of Maharashtra are as under:–

Rs. in crores

NH(O)		CRF		ISC/E&I	
Allocatin	Expenditure*	allocation	Expenditure*	Allocation	Expenditure*
105.00	73.50	156.61	107.30	5.57	9.58

*Expenditure upto February, 2007

Statement-I

Proposals received for upgradation, improvement and development of highways of Maharashtra

Sl. No.	National Highway No.	Section of National Highway	Scheme/work	No. of proposals receive	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crores)
1.	6	Nagpur-Dhule-Surat	Strengthening	9	43.80
2.	6	Nagpur-Dhule-Surat	Improvement of riding quality programme	3	9.50
3.	9	Pune-Solapur	Construction of major bridge across river Bhima	1	12.00
4.	13	Solapur-Bijapur	Strengthening	1	4.80
5.	17	Panvel-Mahad-Panji	Improvement of riding quality programme	3	13.00

Sl. No.	National Highway No.	Section of National Highway	Scheme/work	No. of proposals received	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crores)
6.	17	Panvel-Mahad-Panji	Strengthening	4	16.40
7.	17	Panvel-Mahad-Panji	Improvement of geometrics	1	1.00
8.	50	Pune-Nashik	Improvement of riding quality programme	1	3.00
9.	50	Pune-Nashik	Strengthening	1	4.95
10.	69	Nagpur Obedullaganj	Utility Shifting for Mankapur ROB	1	3.50
11.	69	Nagpur-Obedullaganj	Land Acquisition	1	1.00
12.	204	Ratnagiri-Kolhapur	Widening to two lanes	3	8.60
13.	211	Solapur-Osmanabad	Widening to two lanes	1	5.00
14.	211	Solapur-Osmanabad	Improvement of riding quality programme	1	4.00
15.	211	Solapur-Osmanabad	Widening of bridges	1	2.00
16.	222	Rajnoli-Nagar-Nanded	Widening to two lanes	5	23.00
17.	222	Rajnoli-Nagar-Nanded	Strengthening	4	19.00
18.	222	Rajnoli-Nagar-Nanded	Road safety	1	1.00
19.	Various NHs		Miscellaneous works of NH-6, 9, 17, 204, 211 & 222	12	4.99
		TOTAL:		54	180.54

Four laning under NHDP, Phase-III

†1125. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Phase-III of the National Highways Development Project in Bihar, the scheme of construction and development of 890 Kms. stretch of roads for converting them into four lanes is being implemented; and

(b) if so, the complete details of the time-frame of commencement and completion of the construction of these roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) In

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